

# Vietnam War Commemoration "SITREP"

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*"Join the nation ... thank a Vietnam veteran!"*

Wednesday, November 8

*Dear Commemorative Partners,*

*Veterans Day 2017 – November 11* – provides a perfect platform from which to *laud all* those *who served* our country in uniform, *especially our Vietnam veterans!*

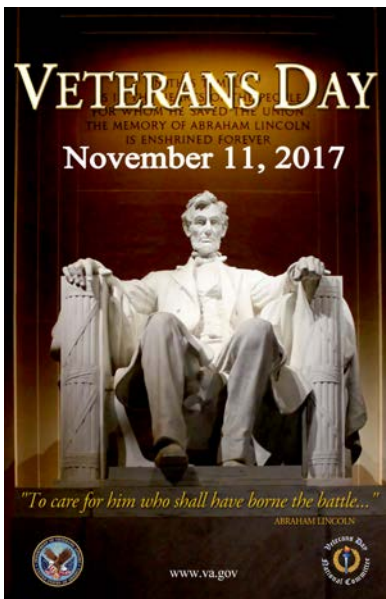
As we prepare for this national observance, it is noteworthy that retired U.S. Army Captain Gary "Mike" Rose was recently awarded the much-deserved *Medal of Honor* for his heroic actions as a Special Forces medic during the Vietnam War.

Reflecting his remarkable character, Captain Rose accepted the nation's highest award for valor on behalf of all the soldiers who served in Laos.

*As dedicated partners*, we know *you've planned hundreds of commemorative events* around the country on and around Veterans Day. We hope you will take advantage of Commemoration materials available for presentation, particularly the *Vietnam Veteran Lapel Pin*. All these materials can be requested easily and delivered quickly at no charge to you. Simply log into the [Partner Portal](#) and mark your [DD2956](#) to indicate any materials needed.



Retired Army Capt. Gary M. Rose, Medal of Honor recipient, is inducted into the Pentagon's Hall of Heroes. Deputy Defense Secretary Pat Shanahan, Acting Secretary of the Army Ryan D. McCarthy and Army Vice Chief of Staff Gen. James McConville presided over the ceremony at the Pentagon in Washington, Oct. 24, 2017. (DoD photo by Air Force Staff Sgt. Jette Carr)



In addition, the *Department of Veterans Affairs* publishes a Veterans Day poster each year. The *2017 Veterans Day poster* is depicted on the left and is freely available to [download](#) and print. The "VA" also provides a [two-page document](#) succinctly outlining the origins of Veterans Day, which will be of interest to those attending your events.

Please remember, this year Veterans Day falls on a Saturday, so the Federal Government observes this national holiday on *Friday, November 10*. While our staff will be supporting events around the nation, Commemoration offices will be closed that day.

## **Above & Beyond**



### **Major League Baseball**

Six decorated Vietnam veterans were [honored on the field](#) at Dodger Stadium before Game 2 of the World Series!

### **Vet to Vet Tennessee**

This standout partner has **hosted 69 events** thanking & honoring Vietnam veterans and their families thus far in 2017!

*Thank you*, for inspiring Americans to thank & honor Vietnam veterans and their families, and for serving as a ... *"Proud Partner with The U.S.A. Vietnam War Commemoration!"*